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BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Northern States Power Company for  
Authority to Discontinue Service Under GMS Schedule

4220-GA-100

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING,  
INVESTIGATION, AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS**

**THIS IS A PROCEEDING** to determine if Northern States Power Company (Wisconsin), d/b/a Xcel Energy, (NSPW) may discontinue service under the Gas Management Service (GMS) effective July 1, 2002. There are seven customers who obtain their gas supply requirements through GMS Service.

In a letter dated January 11, 2002, NSPW states its GMS tariff was established in 1993 under docket 05-GI-105 for the purpose of retaining large industrial loads when the system average cost of gas was uncompetitive or otherwise did not meet customer needs. Since the establishment of the GMS tariff, there have been several expansion projects on both Northern Natural and Viking pipelines that have made capacity more available to industrial customers. As a result, NSPW believes sufficient capacity exists to enable industrial customers to transport natural gas directly on Northern Natural and Viking pipelines.

**NOTICE IS GIVEN** that the Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

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Questions regarding this matter may be directed to Kane Walent at (608) 266-7006.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, \_\_\_\_\_

By the Commission:

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Lynda L. Dorr  
Secretary to the Commission

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